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My thanks to Joel for his efforts in 2021. His lead as Commodore saw the rebirth of both the Social and Maritime strengths of FBYC. He will remain on the Board thru 2022.

My thanks to Alan Hendry as Past Commodore and his performance as a Board member. Alan was instrumental in managing FBYC thru the critical period caused by the Covid outbreak. While numerous Yacht Clubs closed, under Alan's leadership FBYC is alive and well.

Amy Krisanda as Fleet Captain for 2 years. 2021 was a very special year and she made 2021 Maritime events very special.

Joel and Doris did an incredible job of preparing the Commodores Ball for 2021. The Roaring 20's came to life and so did the fun times of the 20's.

Everyone agreed that it was a fun filled evening.



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January 20th General meeting. The Theme is Bless America/“Super Bowl”. Location Santa Maria del Mar Church – Wear your favorite Football Teams Jersey Meal service will be provided by the 2022 Board of Directors. We ask our members to bring a salad or desert.

Advertisers – It is important that we STRONGLY SUPPORT all of the companies that appear in our monthly News Letter. We plan on adding several more, non-competing, firms during the 2022 year.

Calendar for Upcoming Events: At the time that this News Letter is being published we are preparing for our Maritime and Social Committee meetings. Look for the future events in both categories in the February News Letter.

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FBYC Social News

Hello All!

Hoping your holidays were terrific and during the festivities you had ideas about fun, exciting outings for our awesome boat club. I am sure many of you have seen Jim Kelly's email about new directions for the maritime committee.

He wants to concentrate on more maritime events involving members vessels. Some of our past outings will then be planned and coordinated by the social committee. I agree with Jim in that we need more member boating options' We did have some fun events that involve boating but not practical for members boats, for example the diner cruise down the Halifax. That was a fun successful event and we will plan that again. More opportunities for leads and co leads to have fun.

The planning meeting will be Thursday January 6 at 2:00 at my home located at 623 Cumberland Dr Flagler Beach. Look forward to seeing as many who can attend. After the meeting several places on Flagler Beach to stop and renew creativity then attend Maritime planning meeting at the church at 6p.

Busy day but will be so much fun getting everyone excited about 2022.

Happy New Year
Kim Hunt

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Goals for 2022:

- Bring our membership to 100% of authorized capacity.
- Develop and implement a New Member emersion program.



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Maritime Moments

Happy New Years. This is your new Fleet Captain, Jim Kelly. This is going to be another great year on the water. We will be having our annual Maritime planning meeting on January 6th at 6:30. The location of the meeting is going to be the Santa Maria Del Mar church hall (same as monthly meetings). I ask everyone attending to come with ideas and boating in mind. This year maritime events will be geared towards using our boats. If you have any suggestions for activities for us to get our boats out on the water, please send them to me so we can discuss them at the meeting and get some fun activities scheduled for the year. I know there has been some concerns about the meeting already having events planned and scheduled, this year is truly a planning and scheduling meeting. I look forward to seeing all the maritime committee members on January 6th so we can plan a fun year.

Our December Maritime event was the Caroling on the canal. We had a record turn out this year, we ended up with 16 boats caroling this year. I would like to thank everyone who participated in this event and Flagler Beach Surf 97.3 Radio station for broadcasting the Christmas music for us. I look forward to doing this event again this year.



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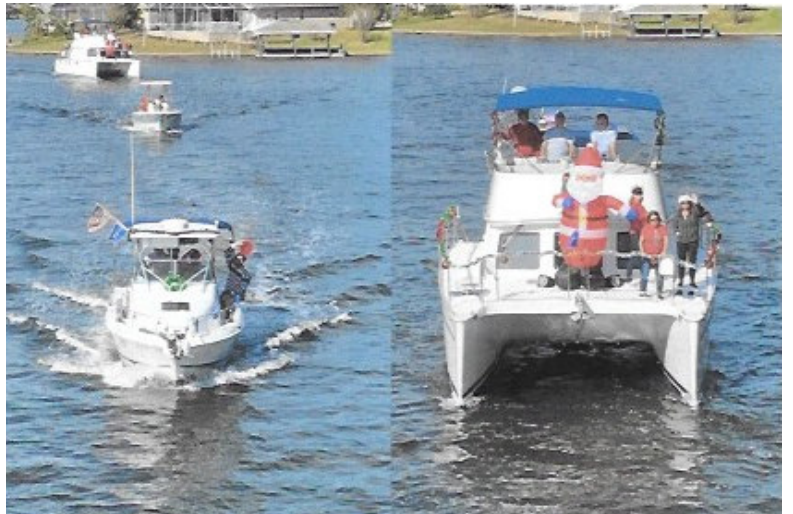
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What Boaters Need to Know About the New Engine Cut-Off Switch Law

From Boating Magazine, April 2021

New law aims to reduce the problem of runaway boats and propeller strikes



The lanyard can be looped around the operator's wrist or clipped to a life jacket or clothing.

A new law took effect this month requiring boaters to use an engine cut-off switch on all personal watercraft (PWCs) and most powerboats less than 26 feet in length. The law aims to reduce the problem of runaway boats and propeller strikes, which account for about 4 percent of all boating accidents and injuries in the United States each year.

Also called a “safety lanyard” or “engine kill switch,” an engine cut-off switch is designed to stop a boat’s engine if the operator is thrown from the helm. The system typically consists of a switch mounted to the boat’s console (or the engine itself in the case of tiller-style outboards) and a clip that must be inserted into it for the engine to run. The clip is attached to the operator’s life jacket, clothing or wrist with a flexible lanyard, ensuring that when the driver leaves the helm for any reason the clip pulls out and immediately stops the engine. Wireless versions are also available, doing away with the physical tether and allowing the operator a little more flexibility to roam.

Engine cut-off switches save lives

Boats can make sudden turns with enough lateral force to throw an operator from the helm area or completely out of the boat. When this happens, torque from the spinning prop will cause the

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boat to go into a tight turn, becoming a hazard to the ejected operator, as well as anyone and anything else in the vicinity.

Dozens of Americans are injured or killed every year in accidents that an engine cut-off switch could have prevented, including 172 propeller strike accidents in 2019 alone. Those accidents resulted in 35 deaths and 155 injuries. Many more people were injured in other runaway boat accidents such as boats striking people in the water and boat-on-boat collisions.

“Every year Americans are injured and killed in boating accidents that could easily be prevented by the use of a simple engine cut-off switch,” said Verne Gifford, Chief of the U.S. Coast Guard Boating Safety Division. “This new rule is intended to make the use of these life-saving devices second-nature for boaters, just as seat belt laws have for motorists.”

It’s the law everywhere in the U.S.

The new use requirement took effect on April 1, 2021 and applies to all U.S. waterways, with fines of \$100, \$250 and \$500 for the first, second, and third offenses, respectively. State and local authorities may choose to enforce the law differently, but using an engine cut-off switch is now the law for qualified vessels everywhere in the United States.



Engine cut-off switches are now mandatory on personal watercraft and most small boat.

It applies to all PWCs and most small powerboats

The law applies to all personal watercraft and recreational boats under 26 feet with motors capable of 115 pounds of static thrust (a little under 3 horsepower). Boats not currently equipped with an engine cut-off switch are exempt, but that grandfather clause is closing fast. Another recent federal law required manufacturers to install engine cut-off switches on all new boats starting in January 2020.

The law applies only to recreational vessels, so law enforcement and other government-owned vessels are exempt. The law also does not apply to vessels whose main helms are inside an enclosed cabin.

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***Fleet Captain — Jim Kelly*****Fleet-Captain@FlaglerBeachYachtClub.com****It applies at planing speeds**

The law doesn't require you to have the lanyard attached when the vessel is idling or performing docking maneuvers. The rule takes effect when the boat reaches planing speed, which means you'll need to have your cut-off switch and lanyard attached before you push the throttle forward. Best practice is to use the switch at all speeds.

It allows electronic cut-off switches

One of the major barriers to the use of lanyard-style engine cut-off switches is that they limit an operator's mobility. The switch must be removed every time the captain moves more than a step away from the wheel, and then must be replaced before restarting the engine. In activities like fishing where an active captain might stop and start dozens of times in a day, there's a strong temptation to put the clip in the switch and leave the lanyard dangling from the console.

Electronic cut-off switches solve this problem using the same transponder technology found in keyless automobile ignitions. These devices use an electronic fob that is carried by the operator and senses when it is too far from the helm or is submerged in water, activating the switch and stopping the engine.

Electronic cut-off switches can be used with multiple fobs, so that if anyone leaves the boat—operator or passenger—the motor will stop. The switch can then be reset and the engine restarted to recover the man overboard, if needed. Among the more popular electronic engine cut-off devices are [ACR OLAS Guardian](#) and [FELL Marine Man OverBoard](#).

An engine cut-off lanyard like this one costs less than \$20 and could save your life.
Courtesy West Marine

A seatbelt law for boaters

Paul Petani likens electronic engine cut-off switches to the new generation of life jackets that replaced the orange horse collar life jackets of yesteryear. "Now that life jackets are better and more comfortable, people are using them more," says Petani, a vice president at FELL Marine.

The parallels between seatbelts and engine cut-off switches are also clear. Both are simple devices that save lives, but only when they're used. And the history of seatbelt laws suggest the new mandate could make a big difference in the use of engine cut-off switches.

Seatbelt laws became the norm in U.S. states a generation ago, helping push seatbelt use rates from 16 percent in 1983 to nearly 90 percent today, and contributing to a 66 percent reduction in traffic deaths per mile travelled.

Engine cut-off switches—with a little help from the law—could have a similar effect on the water. And that will save lives.



Secretary – Carol (Glitzzy) Caso
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Secretary: Carol (Glitzzy) Caso – In addition to the normal duties for the Secretary ...

Our 2022 Goal is to become more closely involved in a charitable organization to help the needy in Flagler County. More information will follow as we explore opportunities.



Treasurer — Doris Houslander
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Treasurer: Doris Houslander – My primary goals is managing the financials of FBYC.

An additional Treasurers Goal for 2022 is to continue to build our Emergency Fund

to a level that would allow for a minimum of one year of expenses, if needed. We

want to protect the strength and value of the FBYC organization and membership.



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- Continue working with the membership via the Suggestion Box to bring new ideas from our membership.
- Work with the Rear Commodore in creating the New
- Member Emersion Program



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- My Goal for 2022 is to explore, develop and implement a MEMBER BENEFITS PROGRAM. This program would bring added benefits to all Members for your Maritime & Social needs. We will endeavor to provide these benefits at no additional cost to members. Instead, as the need arises for products and/or services you would be able to receive additional price reductions with your FBYC Membership from specific providers. We want to use our “BUYING POWER” to

our benefit. We will keep you updated as we progress.

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St. Augustine Nights of Lights
January 11th, 2022

The Trolley ride is back! Enjoy a beautiful ride around historic St. Augustine while singing Christmas Carols. The sign up period for the trolley ride is over, but you can still join us at Mojo's for happy hour. Purchase your favorite cocktail and appetizer in their spacious bar.

Mojo's Happy Hour - 4:00 - 6:00pm
 5 Cordova St.
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Trolley Ride - 6:30pm
 Tours depart from the Visitor Center, 10 W. Castillo Dr.
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Parking is available at the St. Augustine Parking Garage. Boaters, if you would like to come by boat, you are on your own to make reservations. Questions? Please contact Amy Beth Krisanda at 914-755-5612 or Doris Houslander at 847-826-6851.



Hoist a Tankard of Grog to This Month's Birthday Pirates

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Stop by the Ship Store for help in selecting the product for you or feel free to drop by U Name It. Joe knows FBYC and will help you make the best choice for your needs. You may also bring your own items there and they will engrave or embroider them for you.

Our printed or foil burgee is currently available on t-shirts and koozies through our own member Mike Ferreira. Other products could be made available upon request. Stop by the Ship Store to see these new products.



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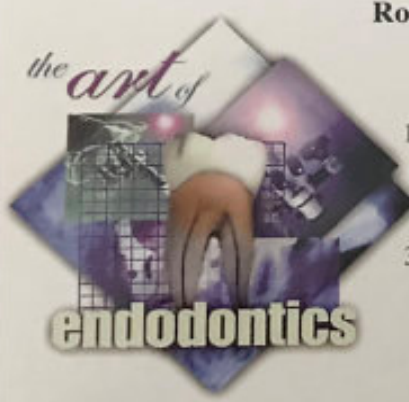
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